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Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I know what is stated in the order? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" The order is to this effect: There were two sites in question. Both my hon. Friend, the Chief Minister and myself agreed that the high school building requires extension and might be put up on the old hostel site and the college built in the newly acquired site."

Mr. K. A. Nachiappa Gounder :—" May I know whether it is a fact that the Government issued a ban prohibiting the Salem Municipal Council from proceeding with the acquisition ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" No."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" May I know whether it is the Maravaneri site that has been selected or any other site ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" Yes, it is the Maravaneri site that is being acquired and the acquisition has been almost completed."

Mr. K. A. Nachiappa Gounder :—" May I know the extent of the old site ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" Eleven acres."

Mr. K. A. Nachiappa Gounder :—" May I know whether this is enough for high school purposes ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" We think it would be enough."

Enquiry into the deaths in London Mission Boarding House, Erode.

*236 Q.— Mr. V. P. Narayanan Nambiyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government are aware of the numerous sudden deaths in the London Mission Boarding House, Erode, on the 3rd or 4th of December 1930 ;

(b) what were the reasons for the deaths ; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to prevent similar accidents?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The deaths are reported to be due to cholera. It has not been possible for the Health Department to trace the actual source of infection. That department has, however, made suggestions to the Mission authorities for the improvement of the sanitary arrangements of the institution and its surroundings.

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" May I know from the hon. Minister how many deaths occurred in the institution on the 3rd and 4th December 1930 ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" I cannot give the exact number off-hand, but there were a number of deaths."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" Did the Government make any attempt to ascertain the cause of the deaths ? "

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The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" On the very day I came to know of it, I called for a report about the cause of the deaths."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask the hon. Minister whether there was cholera at that time in any other part of the town ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I am not aware of it."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether any bacteriological examination was made ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Did the result of the bacteriological investigation show that the deaths were due to cholera ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know how many deaths had taken place in that area during the one month previous to the occurrence ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know whether the cholera that broke out at Erode was in an epidemic form or not ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" The report does not say much about that, but I believe it was in an epidemic form."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know whether it was not a fact that the Collector of the district told the authorities that the deaths were due to cholera ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I have no such information."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" May I know whether there was any conflict in the report from the Collector or the Health Officer of the district and the report of the Chemical Examiner of the Government ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" No conflict so far as I know."

Girls' schools in Chidambaram.

* 237 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many girls' schools there are in Chidambaram town ; how many higher elementary schools and secondary schools for girls are there ; how many of them are maintained by the Government, by municipal council and under private management ;

(*b*) how many classes there are in the Government girls' school ; whether all teachers of the school are trained ; whether there are any male teachers ; how old are they and what are their qualifications ;

(*c*) whether any complaint was received by the Inspectress of Schools about ill-treatment given by the Headmaster to the women employed in the Government girls' school to conduct the school girls from their homes ; and